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“TEACHING OUR DAUGHTERS” **28th Keweenaw Bay Powwow—2006**



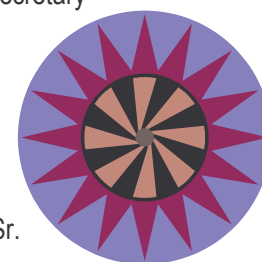
Pictured above, left to right, Charlotte Loonsfoot (Shauna's mother), Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto (Miss Keweenaw Bay), President Susan LaFerner and Virgil Loonsfoot (Shauna's grandfather).

Friday evening, July 21, 2006, Shauna Mae Mary Loonsfoot-Pelto was crowned as the Keweenaw Bay Princess for 2006. She will represent Keweenaw Bay for the next year. Thirteen-year-old Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto (Mish-go-waba-goni-kway—Red and White Flower Woman) was born on May 3, 1993, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She is Crane clan, and is the daughter of Charlotte Loonsfoot of Baraga and Corey Pelto of Detroit. Shauna is a fancy shawl dancer and a singer with the Four Thunders Drum.

An estimated 4,000 people attended this year's Maawanji'iding (powwow) throughout the weekend long

Tribal Council Members:

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event, which was held July 21-23, 2006, at the Ojibwa Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. This year's theme was "Teaching Our Daughters." The host drum, the Plains Ojibway Singers made the 20-hour trip from Long Plains, Manitoba, even though one of its singers became quite ill and had to have a triple bypass heart surgery recently. The singer died of complications early Friday morning. The drum still traveled to KBIC as they felt they had a purpose and a job to do and were being called to do so.



Host Drum—Plains Ojibwa Singers of Long Plains, Manitoba.

Saturday's grand entry included a blanket dance for the family of the deceased singer. On Thursday, July 20th, the day began with the lighting of the sacred fire, traditional teachings throughout the day, a blessing and feast. Friday, July 21st, events included a grand entry, Princess coronation, Pink Shawl Exhibition, and honoring of the elders. This year KBIC honored elders were—Philomena Ekdahl, Edward Holzman and Ted Shalifoe of Baraga, and Lois Bogda of Zeba.

Saturday's events began with the Fry Bread Championship. Joyce Genia of Muskegon, MI, placed first in the adult category, and her grandson Solomon Collins (14-years-old) of Holland, MI, placed first in the youth category. Joyce stated that her mother, Rose Shalifoe, taught both of them how to make fry bread.



Joyce Genia and grandson Solomon Collins both won the Fry Bread Championship categories.

Alyssa Schuman and Scott Chapman of Lac du Flambeau, WI, placed first in the Youth Two-Step Championship. "Hot Sauce" is the team name of this year's Midnight Two-Step Champions, Aaron Cappo of Regina, Sas-

katchewan, and Denise Logan of Milwaukee, WI.

The threat of thunderstorms rushed things along a bit faster than usual on Sunday afternoon. The day included a grand entry, some inter-tribals and the give-aways.

Co-host Drum was Buffalo Horse Singers of Morton, MN. Woodland Singers and Four Thunders were home drums. Donald Chosa Jr. (KBIC) of Zeba honored Keweenaw Bay as Head Veteran Dancer. Lawrence Williams (Lac du Flambeau) and Lorraine "Punkin" Shananaquet (Gun Lake and Lac Courte Orielles) were Head Dancers. Head Youth Dancers were Kyle Gauthier (KBIC) of Baraga and Hope Minton (KBIC) of L'Anse. Emcees, Ted Holappa (KBIC) and Eddie Benton-Banai (Lac Courte Orielles), did a terrific job throughout the weekend of events.



Ted Holappa (left) and Eddie Benton-Banai (right) emcees at the Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding.

Stanley Spruce (KBIC) served as the arena director, and John Loonsfoot (KBIC) served as head fire-keeper.



Three princess candidates — left to right, Jennifer DeCota, Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto and Dalene Chosa.

AUGUST 5, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on August 5, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung, and the Lord's Prayer was cited for the Invocation. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents received from the community.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner indicated that on July 12, 2006, she gave the welcoming address to our 140+ honored Elders for their Michigan Indian Elders Association quarterly meeting, which was held at Keweenaw Bay for three days. They had many interesting presentations, a talent show and a very informative language presentation. President LaFerner also gave the *Welcome* at our 28th Keweenaw Bay "Maa wan ji iding" Pow-wow on July 21, 2006. "It was an enjoyable weekend for many and a big thank you to Pauline Knapp Spruce and the Pow-Wow Committee for all the hard work they do all year in preparation for the Pow-Wow. Thank you also to all of those who do the other work that is needed—cooking, cleaning, gate, security, grounds/maintenance, marina, summer youth, accounting services—we appreciate all that you do." President LaFerner stated that she had the unique opportunity to be interviewed by Dick Storm and Ed Janisse on the "Keep It In The U.P." radio show on July 24, 2006. The number of KBIC employees, the different departments and the work that they do, the Marquette Casino status, our comprehensive plans/goals, the Property Tax victory, mining, two percent donations and the other donations that the Tribe and the Casino give to our people and the Community were discussed. President LaFerner indicated that she was pleased with the outcome of the July 26, 2006, meeting with KBIC Service providers which involved 13+ departments. We had a round table discussion on the many programs that are currently offered, and the programs we want to provide in the very near future. Forty people attended that discussion which included KBIC's new Drug Task Force. This Drug Task Force met again last week and will be presenting a plan (goals) and a budget for the coming year. Our main goal is to coordinate our services, add new services and win the "war on drugs on the rez." The Task Force will then be meeting a larger group with their plan, and we hope to coordinate these plans with the Weed & Seed Program, if awarded. On July 27, 2006, General Manager Gerald Hays, Attorney John Baker and President LaFerner attended a meeting with Charles Bergdahl (Vice Chair of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners) and Steven Powers (County Administrator) on two percent questions about pass through and the procedure of requesting this money. They are also willing to work with KBIC on future economic development endeavors. We later met with John Ennett (Negaunee Township Treasurer), Attorney Kevin Koch and Wayne Johnson (Negaunee Township Supervisor) on the plans for the proposed Marquette Casino's sewer needs. NATIVE VOTE 2006 is fast approaching! If you remember in 2004, the National Congress of American Indians spearheaded a campaign to register persons and have record numbers of Native Americans turn out to vote. We must ensure that our right to vote is never threatened again as it was in the past. The power of the vote will put Native issues before elected leaders like never before in history, so remember to register to vote and then get out and vote in the upcoming elections. If anyone needs assistance, please call one of the Council members. Thank you Chris Swartz, Gene Emery, Jennifer Misegan, the late Ann Misegan, and Christoff Geiger for their work on the Gaming Commission Committee for the past 16 months. Mr. John Bussey stated it well in his thank you letter to them that they were successful because of the team effort put forward by all members, and they followed the plan of action. You can be proud of a job well done as you pass this task over to the three newly appointed Gaming Commissioners. Because of your efforts, they will have a strong base from which to begin their work on August 1st.

President LaFerner addressed a debated issue lately — "I feel that I need to clarify issues regarding the Early Head Start/Head Start Program. I did indeed attend the May 12, 2006, ITC Policy Council meeting that was held here in Baraga. I was not involved with the Head Start programs in the past, but there has been a Policy Council, and at this meeting, it was stated by the ITC Head Start Director that our program was in compliance after a recent audit. The policy that was passed on that day states that the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc, Head-Start Programs will recruit and enroll pregnant women and families with children from birth through age five who are identified as being the most in need of Head Start

Services from within the service area of the Tribal Communities and who are part of the consortium known as the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. This policy also clearly states the six categories of native preference/eligibility and everything that I have read states that the program must service all of the income eligible children prior to serving over-income children per federal guidelines. If there are slots available after all low-income tribal applicants have been enrolled, then over income tribal applicants can be considered (the overall program which includes all of the ITC Consortium Centers which total seven cannot exceed 49% over income families) per letter from the ITC Director. It was also stated at the meeting that the guidelines needed to be followed and that is exactly what is happening. The Selection Worksheet was also approved at the meeting for the '06 Pilot year, and it was stated that it can be modified and reevaluated later in the Fall by the Policy Council. Both the Policy and the Selection Worksheet were designed to ensure that low-income tribal members and descendants are selected first, since the program is funded to provide services to low-income tribal families (per letter from ITC Director). Income has always been the question. There were 108 applicants and 62 available slots were filled. All children were given points according to the selection worksheet with enrolled children receiving 100 points. Forty-six children were denied which included enrolled over income children, low income descendants (which numbered approximately 20), over income non-native children and other tribe's children. So as you can see, going by policy, we were not able to accommodate all of KB's low income descendants or the enrolled over income children. Per motions from the Tribal Council, we are now in the process of reviewing options to provide these children services as soon as possible. It was stated at the last meeting that we wanted to serve all of the children to the best of our ability, and I want to say that it is unfortunate that some believe we do not care about our enrolled children or their future. It was also stated to me at the meeting, from an enrolled tribal member that if their child could not attend Head Start any longer because of the income criteria, they understood because it is the policy. I do have recommendations for the policy and the selection worksheet which I will share with the Program Director. I will also clarify that the majority of the in-kind/donations of goods and services that the Tribe gave to the program in 2005, included cleaning and maintenance crew wages which are tasks that are included in their daily routines, it is not additional cash. We will keep you informed of the progress. Thank you."

In the Secretary's Report, Larry Denomie reported the July Council actions as follows: approved \$15,870 for black topping vendor alley with K Co. in the Ojibwa Campground; appointed James Rasanen, Mike Duschene and Jennifer Misegan as the new gaming commissioners at \$15 per hour and to be paid in stipend form; approved a consulting agreement between the KBIC and the Hotel Waterpark Resort Research and Consulting; authorized the Tribe's attorneys to work on Ojibwa Housing new residential leases for fee-simple lands; authorized the Baraga Fire Dept use of the field behind the college for the Mud Drags on September 16, 2006; amended the motion from the July 8, 2006, council meeting for purchase of a new Bingo machine to the amount of \$38,235; approved having the selection committee for Head Start follow the federal guidelines and policies as written this year; upheld the decision of the CEO regarding case numbers 006-06 and 007-06; approved having a plan developed to possibly have a tribal Head Start program in the mornings and then daycare in the afternoon within the daycare program; approved the veterans group's request for \$1925.59 for flag poles and parts; approved the contract with Larson Well Drilling for maintenance of wells at the hatchery; approved BACCO Construction for the 35 acre Sand Point project with the recommendation that Tribal Construction Company be used in the project; approved new tobacco licenses for Jeff Lamson and Pete Morin; renewed a tobacco license for Joe Waara; approved a special event liquor license for the Baraga Fire Dept. for the Mud Drag event; renewed a business license for Joe LaBeau; denied a monetary request from the South Shore Fishing Association; approved \$1000 for the Thomas Cole PAC for congress; approved sending a letter of support regarding clarifying HR 16; approved up to \$3000 for Joann Jaukkuri attorney fees so that her case can be brought into Tribal Court; approved Resolutions KB1482-2006 and KB1491-2006 for Allen Gauthier and Donald Carlson respectively; approved Resolution KB1492-2006 for TSI sites; approved Resolution KB1493-2006 for ITC-CSBG grant and approved April 2005 and the June 26, 2006 meeting minutes.

A Presentation on the First Annual Denise Marth Walk-A-Thon was given to

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the Council by Gordette Cote Leutz. A plaque was presented to the Council for KBIC's help in the funding of this event.

Ginny Ann Jermac addressed the Council on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens with a request of travel assistance for seventeen elders to attend the NICOA Conference in Oklahoma. Larry Denomie motioned to table this request until Thursday's meeting and until more information is available from OHA and also whether or not Philly Ekdahl and Sandy Pittsley would be attending this same conference, supported by Fred Dakota, motioned carried.

The Intergovernmental Accord was discussed at length. This is an agreement between the twelve Michigan Tribes and the Governor of the State of Michigan to expand joint economic development efforts. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to authorize the Tribal Chair to sign on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community the Intergovernmental Accord between the Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan to Expand Joint Economic Development Activities, supported by Larry Denomie III, seven support (Swartz, Denomie, Minton, Emery, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Matthews) three opposed (Dakota, Mayo, Shawanung), motion carried.

John Bussey, Executive Director Gaming Commission, named the three Gaming Commissioners as James Rasanen, Mike Duschene and Jennifer Misegan. An eighteen month plan to bring forth an Independent Gaming Commission had been approved by Council, which is now in the seventeenth month. During this time, we wrote two ordinances—Gaming Commissioner Ordinance and the Gaming Regulation Ordinance.



Left to right—Gaming Commissioner James Rasanen, President Susan LaFerner, Gaming Commissioner Mike Duschene at the signing of the Code of Ethics for the new KBIC Gaming Commission. Jennifer Misegan unavailable for photo. (Picture compliments of Chris Ford.)

ordinance. We also wrote the Code of Ethics. During this month we are bringing forward three appointed Gaming Commissioners, who have begun their training as of August 1st. They will train for two months working with the Council, and on October 1, 2006, they will take over as the Gaming Commission under the new ordinance. Please welcome James Rasanen and Mike Duschene as they sign their Code of Ethics for KBIC Gaming Commission. Jennifer Misegan was unavailable for today's meeting.

Susan Rasch, Baraga County Fair Manager, requested through letter, a donation to help fund this year's fair. Gary Loonsfoot Sr. motioned to Table this request until Thursday's meeting to see if any of our businesses have funds available to assist with the Baraga County Fair needs. Supported by Toni Minton; motion carried.

Resolutions KB 1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project and KB1496-2006 Bayshore Road Co-op Project were on the agenda for approval. Discussion occurred regarding tribal hiring on these projects by subcontracts. Warren Swartz Jr. motioned to table both resolutions until Thursday's meeting when Jason Ayres could be present to answer the questions regarding these projects. Supported by Mike LaFerner Sr.; motion carried.

The Baraga High School Cheerleaders requested, through letter, a donation for help to purchase uniforms. They have to raise \$4000 to purchase new uniforms and have raised \$2420, they are looking for a \$1580 donation. Elizabeth Mayo motioned to table the request until Thursday's meeting and until it is known if the Booster Club can assist with the money they need to raise, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., motion carried.

Department Head reports were reviewed. Council member Elizabeth Mayo questioned as to why the Attorney's Office reports are not present. Attorney John Baker was present and indicated that since a third lawyer has been hired, he will be able to submit a report in September for the month of August. June 2006, department reports were approved prior to closed session with Attorney John Baker, Larry Denomie, Warren Swartz Jr. and President LaFerner on the agenda.

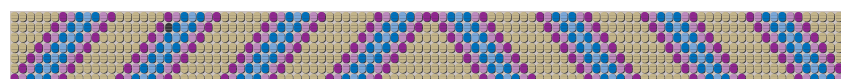
"Mia," ON-THE-JOB



Meet the newest member of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department. "Mia," a two-year-old German Shepard, is KBIC's newest law enforcement officer. Upon approval of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council, Mia was purchased from Northern Michigan K-9 in Harrison, Michigan. Officer Joseph Spruce was chosen and attended a four-week training course in Clare, MI, this past July, to become Mia's handler.

Mia is a dual purpose canine, trained in narcotic detection and patrol. Mia is from Germany where she was trained in basic obedience and imported to the United States where she finished her police training. Some of Mia's abilities include tracking, article search, building search, handler protection and criminal apprehension.

Mia began her first day on the job with the Keweenaw Bay Law Enforcement Department on August 9, 2006. Mia will be on patrol with Officer Spruce. Mia is a very social dog that definitely is a great addition to our police department and the community.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to Sponsor a Culturally Relevant Indianpreneur Training

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, September 15, 16 & 17, 2006, and September 29, 30 & Oct. 1, 2006. This is a two part training class and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) and is open to everyone, Native and non-Native.

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, MN, who helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, counseling, and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. They participate in the loan process by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business – all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, Services Coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at 906-524-2222.

Four Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College students complete NASA Internship.

NASA and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) launched the NASA AIHEC Summer Research Experience Program this summer. The program was designed as a strategic approach to inspire young American Indians to pursue careers in science and engineering, fields in which they have been under-represented.

Sixty participants from fourteen Tribal Colleges and Universities took part in programs at seven NASA centers. Four Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) students were chosen by NASA for Internships at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, this summer. DeAnna Hadden, Suzy Jondreau, Tabatha Miller and Jessica Koski traveled to Maryland on May 28, 2006, with their advisor, Treneice Marshall of KBOCC. Intern Jessica



Left to right — NASA Interns Suzy Jondreau, Tabatha Miller, DeAnna Hadden, Jessica Koski.

Koski was stationed with the Earth Station building. She conducted research using NASA satellite imagery, and completed the presentation 'Potential Impacts of Sulfide Mining on the L'Anse Indian Reservation.' Koski indicated that this opportunity was a rewarding experience and she has now decided to change her major from business administration to environmental justice. She implied, "I'm going to keep learning about the Kennebec Eagle Project. I have the opportunity to fly to San Francisco this December and present a poster about my project to scientists at the AGU conference. I would also like to present my project to my school and the community."

DeAnna Hadden, Suzy Jondreau and Tabatha Miller were stationed at the Visitor's Center at Goddard Space Flight Center. Their duties involved running a multi-million dollar animated globe, Science On a Sphere (SOS) that shows dynamic, animated images of the atmosphere, oceans and land of our planet. NASA uses the sphere as an educational outreach tool to describe the environmental processes of the earth and provide an entertaining informative way for people to see climate, weather and ocean science. The sphere takes satellite images, along with other data, and combines them on the 68-inch fiberglass sphere which allows viewers to watch how the warm water in the Pacific signal an El Niño travel across the ocean; watch a hurricane form as a small storm slowly gathers strength traveling westward from Africa across the Atlantic Ocean, toward the Gulf of Mexico; or view increases and decreases in air pollution along Keweenaw Bay as the Great Lakes control northern wind/weather patterns. The three interns operated the SOS and did presentations for groups of all ages. Upon returning to KBIC, the three interns organized the Girl Power Camp held at the KBOCC.

Treneice Marshall indicated that she worked on a modification of NASA's SiB2 global warming model. Her project was to adapt the model to UP ecosystems to see how global warming might affect traditional plants used by the community.

The group was stationed in Maryland for a period of eight weeks. While in Maryland, they resided on the Campus of the University of Maryland. The four students stated that they got to know a diversity of cultures and individuals with handicaps. They were quite impressed with what individuals who have handicaps could achieve. "One of the neatest things about being in Maryland was when a group of blind kids took us on a tour of Washington D.C., and we rode on the metro, ended up on the wrong bus and got real lost," one of the four students indicated. Other comments, "We got to view all of the Smithsonian Museums with our class," and "I feel very fortunate that I got to have this experience in my life."



Actual sphere operated by Hadden, Jondreau and Miller at Goddard Space Flight Center.

LITEFOOT VISITS KBIC

Litefoot visited the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, giving a motivational speech for our youth, at the Ojibwa Campgrounds, Thursday afternoon, August 3, 2006. Litefoot, who is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, is the Award Winning Native American Role Model, rap artist, and internationally recognized movie actor, who is traveling across the United States and Canada, visiting over 200 Tribal Nations.

The purpose of the "Reach The Rez" project is to provide proactive programs and outreach to Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada.



The programs are designed to effectively reach the American Indian people, particularly our youth. The spirit of the project's effort is ultimately aimed for

the betterment of all communities and the uplift of all people. "Reach The Rez" programs have been designed to specifically appeal to the youth.

A "Reach the Rez" documentary is also being filmed as Litefoot visits the Native American communities and includes interviews with tribal leaders, elders and youth, which will be distributed to schools and other organizations in the United States and Canada when completed.



KBIC SUMMER YOUTH TRIP



Thirty-seven KBIC youth and chaperones traveled by charter bus to Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, August 13, 2006. The group enjoyed the Tommy Bartlett spectacle feature with a combination of high-powered boats, fast-paced water-skiing and breathtaking stunts in water, on stage and high in the sky. The group enjoyed a full day of thrill riding at the Noah's Ark Water Park and an early morning ride aboard the Dells "Wild Thing" Jet Boat before returning to the rez on Tuesday evening, August 15, 2006.



Grand Entry Saturday afternoon.



Miss Keweenaw Bay (Shauna Loonsfoot Pelto) with the powwow committee, left to right, Melinda Roberts, Elvera Lantz, Colleen DeRoche, Pauline Knapp Spruce, Tracy Emery and Summer Cohen.



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SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2006

Summer Science Day Camp was held at KBOCC with the enrollment numbers exceeding 80 students. Two separate sessions (10 days each) were held beginning June 12th, and wrapping up with a picnic the evening of July 12th. The picnic was for kids, family and presenters and was held at the Curwood Park in L'Anse, Michigan. The summer science program included instruction in science, health, safety, nutrition, diabetes prevention, Ojibwa culture, and careers along with outdoor activities, vigorous games, healthy snacks and field trips. The instructional program and materials used in summer science are being evaluated for use in a school science curriculum.

The summer science program is part of KBOCC's Diabetes Education and Science to Instruct Native Youth (DESTINY) project, funded by the National Institutes of Health in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Health Service. With seven other tribal college members of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools (DETS) group, KBOCC is developing science curriculum materials based on a diabetes model for use in kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms.

This year's Summer Science welcomed a new director, Jackie Treadeau, lead teacher, Susan Tollefson, and teacher aide, Christine Awonhopay. Kelsey Mayo and Megan Shanahan also returned as teacher aides. We were fortunate to have the assistance of youth aides Daanis Chosa and Shane Maki. Two other important members of our team were bus drivers Dennis Myllala and Uno Patovisti. The groups had field trips to the Fish Hatchery, Baraga State Park, Chutes and Ladders, swimming at the Bear's Den and Second Sand Beach. They also hiked up Little Mountain and went to Alberta where they met with two foresters and helped them study salamanders. Some of our presenters included, Kathy Mayo and other staff from the DHHS, Ruth Bussey (traditional teachings), Patsy Keyes, Dale Schmeisser, Gale Ploe (smoking cessation), Lisa Denomie (traditional story telling), and Marie Harju (nutrition).



September is Baby Safety Month.

Safe Sleep Top 10

1. **Always place your baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night.** The back sleep position is the safest, and every sleep time counts.
2. **Place your baby on a firm sleep surface, such as on a safety-approved crib mattress, covered by a fitted sheet.** Never place your baby to sleep on pillows, quilts, sheepskins, or other soft surfaces.
3. **Keep soft objects, toys, and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area.** Don't use pillows, blankets, quilts, sheepskins, and pillow-like crib bumpers in your baby's sleep area, and keep any other items away from your baby's face.
4. **Do not allow smoking around your baby.** Don't smoke before or after the birth of your baby, and don't let others smoke around your baby.
5. **Keep your baby's sleep area close to, but separate from, where you and others sleep.** Your baby should not sleep in a bed or on a couch or armchair with adults or other children, but he or she can sleep in the same room as you. If you bring the baby into bed with you to breast feed, put him or her back in a separate sleep area, such as a bassinet, crib, cradle, or a bedside co-sleeper (infant bed that attaches to an adult bed) when finished.
6. **Think about using a clean, dry pacifier when placing the infant down to sleep,** but don't force the baby to take it. (If you are breastfeeding your baby, wait until your child is one month old or is used to breastfeeding before using a pacifier.)
7. **Do not let your baby overheat during sleep.** Dress your baby in light sleep clothing, and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult.
8. **Avoid products that claim to reduce the risk of SIDS** because most have not been tested for effectiveness or safety.
9. **Do not use home monitors to reduce the risk of SIDS.** If you have questions about using monitors for other conditions talk to your health care provider.

Reduce the chance that flat spots will develop on your baby's head: provide "Tummy Time" when your baby is awake and someone is watching; change the direction that your baby lies in the crib from one week to the next; and avoid too much time in car seats, carriers, and bouncers.

Babies sleep safest on their backs.



Meet Kamrin Marie Kahkonen, born 06/14/2006 to Suzie and Terry Kahkonen. Kamrin weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches in length at birth.



Meet Velicity Mae Smith, born 06/16/2006 to Venus Ripley and Scott Smith. Velicity weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 19 inches in length at birth.



Meet twin girls, born 06/20/2006 to Nancy Lamb and William Welch. (left) Savanna Rose Welch, weighed 4 lbs 3 oz and was 13 inches in length at birth. (right) Adrianna Lilly Welch, weighed 4 lbs 2 oz and was 13 inches in length at birth.

KBIC-NRD Lake Superior Fishery Assessments in full swing.

Fisheries staff from the KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBIC-NRD) are currently working cooperatively with KBIC and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) Law Enforcement staff, conducting small mesh gill net surveys in Lake Superior. Objectives of these survey efforts include assessing abundance of juvenile lake trout and various forage species, as well as determining lake trout diet habits, growth, age composition, and extent of sea lamprey attacks on lake trout and other captured species.

Small mesh gill nets (2"-3" mesh sizes) are set at various fixed sampling stations in Keweenaw Bay, including Pequaming Point, Jacobsville and Assinins. Nets are typically set for one to three nights, and all fish captured are logged on data sheets and assessed.

KBIC-NRD is particularly interested in determining hatchery lake trout growth and survival. Key methods of identifying hatchery lake trout include looking for fin-clips and scanning each captured trout for presence of a metallic and Coded Wire Tag (CWT) which is inserted into the snout of many lake trout that have been stocked in Lake Superior. KBIC-NRD has stocked thousands of lake trout with CWT's since the early 1990's, and continues to collect

information from recovered CWT's. Trends in lake trout growth, survival and migration can be tracked with the growing KBIC-NRD CWT database, and this information relates directly to prescribing best-management practices for improving the fishery in Keweenaw Bay and Lake Superior.

It is anticipated juvenile lake trout surveys will continue into late August. For more information regarding KBIC-NRD activities, feel free to contact us at (906) 524-5757.

Gene Mensch. KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist.



GLIFWC Research Vessel moored at Buck's Marina.



Lamprey induced wound on a lake trout captured in Keweenaw Bay.



Shawn Seppanen and Tony Loonsfoot removing captured lake trout from survey net.



Dale Goodreau records data as Shawn and Bill/William Seppanen collect info from captured fish.



Shawn and Bill Seppanen collect a lake trout stomach for diet analysis.



Meet Leigh Ann Cadeau, born 04/28/2006 to Dawn Hueckstaedt and Gerald Cadeau Jr. Leigh weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 18 1/2 inches in length at birth.

NEW HIRES at KBIC

Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker — Katie Stanaway



Meet Katie Stanaway who was recently hired as the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker. Katie grew up in Baraga and attended Michigan State University, where she graduated with a degree in Advertising in 2004. She now resides in L'Anse with her

son Reese, age five, and daughter Alayna, age three. Katie states, "I am thrilled to be the new Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker because this position allows me to work closely with the community."

DHHS—Clinical Social Worker—Kathleen Witkowski



Kathleen Witkowski was recently hired as the Clinical Social Worker for Mental Health Services through the KBIC DHHS. Her office is in the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Facility. She will be working along side Dr. Marianne Brady providing direct clinical and therapeutic mental health services. Kathy has over

twenty years of experience working with children, families and adult survivors struggling with the effects of trauma, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care / adoption, grief and loss. As a therapist working downstate in the Grand Rapids area, as well as working for the Sault Tribe in Sault Ste Marie, Kathy has provided individual, play, family and group treatment services for people from two-years-old to over sixty years old.

"I look forward to serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. I have much respect for what I have seen here so far, the brave people I've met ... there is a strong sense of wanting healing for your community - to grow in healthy ways and provide a strong, positive community for your children. I am honored to have the opportunity to be here. I am hopeful that whatever assistance I can provide will only add in good ways to the healing and growth of community members."

Kathy is Crane Clan and a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her mother's family lived many places in the Upper Peninsula, mainly in and around St. Ignace. Kathy is originally from the Detroit area and a long time Detroit Tiger fan (even before they were winning). She enjoys being in the woods and water, doing arts and crafts, practicing Aikido (martial art), listening to stories and trying to learn Anishnabemowin. Kathy is learning to sew and can cook huge amounts of chili for any gathering.

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following eight KBIC college graduates for the 2005-06 academic year:

- Carrie Ashbrook, Associate's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Business
- Jean Jokinen, Associate's Degree, Bay de Noc Community College, Business
- Natalie Perrault, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Psychology
- Dale Shalfoe, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Economics
- Emily Steadman, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Nursing
- Delina Soumis, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Community Health
- Sara Mantila, Master's Degree, Michigan Technological University, Biomedical Engineering
- Shirley Brozzo, Master of Fine Arts Degree, Northern Michigan University, Fiction Writing

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

KBIC Even Start Up and Moving

KBIC Even Start, in only their sixth month running, is growing rapidly. Even Start has had inquiries from over 18 eligible families and registers new families weekly. Since Even Start evolved, staff and families have participated in numerous community activities, including the KBIC Head Start Children's Pow-Wow, the KBIC Maawanji'id-ing and the Baraga County Fair.

Even Start is a free family literacy program designed to include Early Childhood Education and Adult Education into one unified program by focusing on the needs of the entire family. Even Start is for parents who do not have their high school diploma or GED and have children under the age of eight. Even Start offers year-round services with flexible times for instructional programs. They also provide free childcare and transportation, including many other support services.

The Even Start program has had a busy summer. Participating families have gone on many field trips that provide the opportunity for families to take a break, spend quality time together, and share learning experiences. Field trips have included the Ojibwa campground, L'Anse Waterfront Marina, KBOCC Children's Play Center and Ojibwa Lanes.

Even Start is currently in the process of building an outdoor play yard, in collaboration with the KBOCC Children's Play Center to offer a greater variety of learning opportunities for families with children. Even Start is in the process of developing a high-quality Early Childhood Education program for children ages birth-five. The program will be based on a nationally recognized curriculum and a scientifically-based reading readiness curriculum. Children of families enrolled in Even Start will be eligible for this preschool program which will be based in Baraga.

Even Start is currently registering new families for the fall. If you would like more information or would like to enroll, please call (906) 353-8161.

Sand Point Cleanup Construction Startup



The Sand Point cleanup project will be starting up sometime during the last two weeks of August. Much of Sand Point is currently covered with copper mining stamp sand waste materials from a former ore processing facility that was located to the north. These stamp sands, originally dumped into Lake Superior, have been carried southward by the lake currents over the years and been deposited at Sand Point. The KBIC Natural Resource Department has been working with the Tribal Council, the Natural Resource Committee, U.S. EPA, USDA, the Great Lakes Commission, private contractors and others for a number of years, conducting environmental assessment work and evaluating cleanup options for the property. The cleanup plan selected consists of construction of a soil cap, six-ten inches in thickness, over approximately 35 acres of stamp sands. The original plan was to construct a soil cap over 45 acres, but sufficient funding could not be secured for this option. The soil cover will be vegetated following construction. Prior to construction of the soil cap, the stamp sands will be regraded to allow for proper drainage from the site. In addition to construction of a soil cap and revegetating, additional activities will include road improvements on the road north of the KBIC Tire Shop, construction of walking trails, construction of parking areas and construction of snowmobile lake access points.

The project is being funded with EPA Brownfield Cleanup program funds, EPA Brownfield Response Program funds, Great Lakes Commission funding and KBIC matching funds. In addition, USDA is providing funding through their Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program for other vegetative plantings to be completed which should help add some vegetative diversity to the area. The soil cover material is being provided by KBIC as part of the matching grant contribution and will be obtained from a location in the Ojibwa Industrial Park. Access to parts of the Sand Point property will be restricted during construction activities for safety purposes. Some temporary fencing will be installed. There will be increased traffic in the area due to the construction.

Sand Point file materials, including environmental site assessments and other reports, are available for public review at the KBIC Natural Resource Department. In addition to this project, the Natural Resource Department is in the process of developing a Tribal Brownfield Response Program. This is a program designed to identify and address properties with environmental issues of concern within the Reservation boundaries or on other KBIC properties. A website has recently been developed by the Natural Resource Department that briefly describes the Brownfield's program. This site can be accessed at http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/NR/natural_resources.htm. If you have questions about Sand Point, reviewing file materials, or the Brownfields Program please contact Todd Warner at (906) 524-5757 x13.

Community Calendar - SEPTEMBER 2006

Baby Safety Month
Nat'l Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.		Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.			1	2
3	4 Labor Day Holiday, Tribal Gov't businesses closed.	5 GreenPath Credit Counseling 8am-4pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 1st Step Counselor at Anishinaabe Anokii Center 8am-4pm	14	15 AIEDF Indian-preneur Training	16 AIEDF Indian-preneur Training
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NATIVE AMERICAN LAWYER TO SPEAK AT UNITED CONFERENCE

Gerald Hill, a private consultant in tribal government and Native language activism, will be a keynote speaker at the UNITED—Uniting Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity—Conference to be held Sept. 17-19 at Northern Michigan University.

Hill previously served as the chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe for more than 20 years. He was responsible for coordinating all legal services for the Oneida Tribe, including representation of Indian child welfare cases and tribal school issues. He is currently serving his fifth term as president of the Indigenous Language Institute.

Former photojournalist Jim Hubbard will also be a keynote speaker. In 1989, he created Shooting Back, an organization dedicated to empowering children at risk by teaching the photography.

The purpose of UNITED is to affirm diversity as an important value at NMU. Other keynote speakers, including radical activist and philosopher Angela Davis, will be in attendance. Entertainment will be provided by Grammy Award-winning reggae band Gizzae, as well as Native American drummers, singers, and dancers.

UNITED will be held in collaboration with Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, and various Upper Peninsula community colleges. For more information contact Judith Puncocar at 227-1366 or jpuncoch@nmu.edu.

Craft & Learn
Women join us on
Wednesday
September 20, 2006
5:00 p.m.
at the
Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center

Presentation on
D.V. Signs in a Dating Relationship
by
Mike Beiring, CAC II, CDVC II

Beadwork Craft with
JoAnne Racette

For more information or to register please
contact Heather at 353-4546.
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Exercise in the Pool for Women
Starting Tuesday, September 5, 2006
for 6 weeks
Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel Pool
at 8:30 a.m.

Women's Resistance Training
Starting on Monday, September 11, 2006
at 5:00 p.m. for 6 weeks
in the KBOCC Fitness Center

Registration is required prior to attending classes.
To register or for more information about either class
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Landis Wood, a sophomore, for his achievement of Spring Semester Honor List at Central Michigan University. Landis is a L'Anse native and is the son of Richard (Woody) Wood and grandson of Louella Wood. You must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to receive this honor status. Good job, Landis, keep up the good work.



BARAGA COUNTY FAIR CANDIDATE

Michelle Wood was chosen as a candidate for the Baraga County Fair Queen, and placed as second runner up on 08/11/06. She is 16 years old and the daughter of Richard (Woody) Wood and the granddaughter of Louella Wood of L'Anse, MI. Michelle enjoys participating in a variety of sports, such as Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Bowling, and Cheerleading at L'Anse High School. She is also involved in Youth In Government, Year Book and is a 4H member. She enjoys photography, dancing, sports, writing, and traveling. She plans to attend college after graduating from high school to pursue a career in a photography field.

If you'd like submit information for publication, contact Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263 or email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

Frog and Toad Surveys Help KBIC-NRD Monitor Wetland Health.



This spring and early summer, staff from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBIC-NRD) have actively collected information regarding frogs and toads in several Baraga County wetlands lying on the KBIC-Reservation.

There are 13 recognized frog and toad species in Michigan. Concern regarding apparent reductions in several of these species resulted in the development of monitoring programs aimed at establishing long-term abundance and distribution data-sets. Frogs and toads (anurans) are sensitive to environmental disturbances, and can be used as effective tools in monitoring wetlands/ ecosystem health. They in essence can serve mankind as ecological “canaries in the cage”.

Each species of anuran has its own distinct call. Call types and densities can be used at each surveyed wetland to estimate species diversity and abundance. Additionally, certain anurans begin calling earlier in the spring than others. Three spring/ early summer visits to each focal wetland, a minimum of 15 days apart, better assure a dataset that completely accounts for seasonal changes in calling populations of anurans.

KBIC-NRD, as a result of annual frog and toad surveying at more than 10 wetlands around the KBIC-Reservation, has established a long-term dataset that is well over a decade old, and will continue monitoring local wetlands health by studying Michigan’s 13 species of frogs and toads.

For more information about wetland surveys, feel free to contact KBIC-NRD at (906) 524-5757.

Gene Mensch. KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Gerald A. Morro Sr.

(June 21, 1950—August 3, 2006)

Gerald A. Morro Sr., 56, of Chicago, Illinois, walked on, Thursday, August 3, 2006, at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He was born June 21, 1950, in Chicago, IL, a son of Henry and Lucille (Loonsfoot) Morro and had been a lifelong Chicago resident. Gerald worked for several years as a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department. He was a veteran, having served in the US Marine Corps. Gerald was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and enjoyed sports and golf as leisure activities.

He is survived by a son, Gerald A. Morro Jr., daughter Stacey L.; loving lifelong partner, Vivian Distel; grandchild, Andrew; siblings, Carol, Herb, Bob, Rich, Daniel and Jackie; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Raymond Morro.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 10, 2006, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins with Rev. Augustine George officiating. Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Ojibwa Community Library

Rose Edwards has donated more audio books on CD to the library. Thank you so much Rose!

A reminder to all Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Students—please make sure to get your college ID. You must show it to the library director prior to making copies for your classes.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Vocabulary

mawinzo - he picks berries
minan - berries/blueberries
odeminan - strawberries
miskiwiminan - raspberries
odatagamin - blackberries

shawbomin - gooseberry
gozigwakominan - June berries
bawa'iminan - pin cherries
mishiminag - apples
pagesanag -plums

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Yellow Plains, 2004



Mission Road, 2004



Ojibwemowin page created by:

JoAnne Racette, KBIC Ojibwa Community College Native American Studies Instructor

KBIC YOUTH RAFFLE WINNERS

Tickets were sold by KBIC Youth Club members throughout the reservation for the past month. A public drawing was held at the tribal center on July 26th.

1st prize for \$200— Richard Semasky
2nd prize for \$100— Jim Mayo
3rd prize for \$50— Mary Messer
4th prize for \$25— Shirley Zasadnyj

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Featured Business of the Month
All Purpose Drywall



All Purpose Drywall is the Anishinaabe Anokii featured business of the month. The company was formed by Tim (Migz) Mayo two years ago. Tim performs drywall finishing, texturing, and repair of drywall. He has 30 years experience in the industry. Tim began his career in the construction of the Tribal Housing Projects, and has fine tuned his talents ever since, having a reputation of being one of the most proficient finishers in the area. He gives free estimates on all work. Call Tim at (906) 353-6765.

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